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**STOCKTON MAN CHARGED WITH RECEIVING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that a federal grand jury returned a 1-count indictment charging Frank Lagomarsino, 28, of Stockton, California, with receiving child pornography.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Laurel White, who is prosecuting the case, the indictment alleges that on or about December 5, 1998, Lagomarsino received an image which depicted a 13-year old girl engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

In a criminal complaint filed last month, the government alleged that Lagomarsino was recently involved in the trafficking of images depicting minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct. Specifically, it was alleged that on or about August 25, 2003, Lagomarsino sent and received child pornography via the internet. He has not yet been indicted on charges related to those August internet transmissions. The criminal complaint also alleged that in July of this year, Lagomarsino attempted to trade images with an undercover FBI agent in a chat room dedicated to the trading of images and discussion of child sexual abuse. Because the undercover agent declined to send any images, no trading took place.

If convicted, of the pending charge, the maximum penalty under federal law for the offense charged is 15 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, and five-year term of supervised release.

The charges are only allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

This case is the product of an extensive investigation by the Sacramento-based Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement (SAFE) Task Force, a task force comprised of agents from the FBI, the California Department of Justice, Bureau of Investigations, and the U.S. Attorney's Office.

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